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(Attorney Docket No. AM100878-P1)

In re Patent Application of:	)	Appln. No.: 10/808,964
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XIANG-JIN MENG *et al.*	)	Customer No.: 000044091
	)	Group Art Unit: 1648
Filed: 03/25/2004	)	Examiner: Stacy Brown Chen
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For: CHIMERIC INFECTIOUS DNA CLONES,	)	
CHIMERIC PORCINE CIRCOVIRUSES	)	
AND USES THEREOF	)	Paper No.: 23

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Official action mailed March 15, 2007, please amend the above-referenced application using the below instructions and consider the remarks in a positive light:

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. In accord with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, the amendment proposal and a listing of all claims in the application begin on a separate sheet. As required, only the claim number and status indicate the canceled claims. The amendment adds no new matter. For the convenience of the Office staff, the amendment is placed in the below Appendix and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

While Applicants appreciate that they cannot amend the finally rejected claims as a matter of right, they believe that presenting the below amendment may place the application in condition for an immediate allowance. This amendment is warranted to address the Examiner's sole, remaining rejection of the application directly and bring the claims in conformance with her opinion of allowable subject matter. It does not raise new issues or require a further search. The amendment was not previously presented since the Applicants believed their remarks and earlier amendments would suffice to overcome the outstanding rejections at that time. Applicants would hope that the Examiner kindly enters the after final amendment into the record and considers it satisfactory to allow the application to issue as a patent.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Examiner has generously allowed Claims 1-10, 32, 35 and 38.

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